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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR VENDING FROM A VENDING MACHINE,  
the specification of which is being transmitted herewith.



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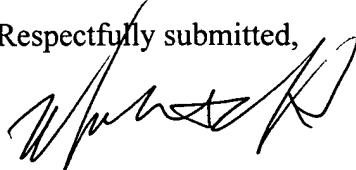
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